Commercial.

THIS DAY.

Business in the Share Market is still very quiet. Banks are weaker, with sellers at 201 per cent. premium, buyers offering 200 at which rate a number of shares have changed hands. Further sales of Docks have been put through at quotation, and more are wanted at the same figure. Nothing else came under our notice.

4 o'clock p.m. Since noon Banks have been done at 200 per cent, premium for the end of the month, and there still further shares on offer at the same rate. Other stocks remain as per annexed list.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-......... Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-New Issue. ,ex. div. 191 per cent. premium. Union Insurance Society of Canton-\$625 per share, buyers. China Traders' Insurance Company-\$2,600 per share, sellers.

North China Insurance-Tls. 1,400 per share, Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$115 per Yangtsze Insurance Association-Tls. 1050 per

Chinese Insurance Company-\$225 per share, On Tai Insurance Company, Limited-Tls. 150 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company-\$340 per

share, buyers. China Fire Insurance Company—\$370 per share. Hongkong and Whampon Dock Company-57 per cent. premium, sales and buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co. --\$49 per share, premium, ex. div., · buyers. -China-and-Manila-Steam-Ship Company-120

Hongkong Gas Company-\$80 per share. Hongkong Hotel Company-\$175 per share. Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited-15 per cent. dis., sellers. China Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$160 per share; sellers. China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)-2

per cent, premium. Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited-\$80 per share, sellers. Hongkong Ice Company-\$160 per share,

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited -\$80 per share, buyers. Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878-14 per cent. prem.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881-2 percent. prem.

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	ON PARIS.—
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	On Bombay.—Bank, T.T223½
	ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T.T2231
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OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

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Benares (bottom) per chest, 8565 NEW PERSIAN (best quality)....per OLD PERSIAN (best quality).....per picul, 8435

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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAYS TELEGRAMS.

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Shipping.

Bonito, German bark, 527, H. Haase, 28th August,-Newchwang 16th August, Beans. -Wieler & Co.

Lido, British steamer, 650, T. Lewis, 28th Aug., -Penang, and Saigon 24th August, General.-Adamson, Bell & Co. STILLMAN B. ALLEN, American bark, 567, W.

S. Eldredge, 28th August,-Honolulu 3rd July, Oil and Coal.—Russell & Co. PEKING, British steamer, 954, Hevermann, 29th August,-Canton 28th August, General --Siemssen & Co.

ST. 1DEUC, French bark, 388, J. Durand, 29th August,—Newchwang 16th August, General.—Carlowitz & Co.

YUNG-CHING, Chinese steamer, 766, R. Andrew, Newchwang 21st August, and Chefoo 23rd, General.—C. M. S. N. Co. AFGHAN, British steamer, Stewart, 29th August,

-Saigon 25th August, General.-Bun Hin NAMOA, British steamer, 862, Geo. Westoby, 20th August, - Foochow 24th August, Amoy 26th, and Swatow 28th, General.-D. La-

praik & Co. TEHERAN, British steamer, 1,771, R. G. Murray, 20th August,-Bombay 10th August, Co-Plombo 16th, Penang 21st, and Singapore 24th, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE Benledi, British steamer, for London. Douglas, British steamer, for Swatow, &c. Diamante, British steamer, for Manila. Ping-on, British steamer, for Hoihow.

DEPARTURES. August 29, Douglas, British str., for Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow. August 29, Taiwan, British steamer, for Port

. Darwin, Sydney, &c. PASSENGERS-ARRIVED-

Per Afghan, str., from Saigon - 300 Chinese. Per Lido, str., from Penang, &c.-32 Chinese. Per Namoa, str., from Foochow, &o.-Messrs. Maclean and Sit Meng Cooh, and for Chinese. Per Teheran, str., from London.-Lieut. D. H. Gamble, Surgeon A. W. McLeod, Lieut.-Comdis. E. Maxwell, R. I. Groome, Assistant Com. Gen. T. A. Le Mesurier, Messrs. J. H. Baker, H. B Hambling, and James Dixon, for Hongkong. From Penang.—Mr. Chin Ah Heng and wife, and 8 Chinese. From Singapore.-Lieut. A. E. Fitzard, R.N., Messrs. C. Sinclair, J. Goodair, 60 Chinese, and 2 Chinese cooks.

Per Douglas, str., for Swatow, &c.-200 Chi-

TO DEPART. Per Benledi, str., for London.-1 European. Per Ping-on, str., for Holhow.—25 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamship Lide reports from Penang, and Saigon on Friday, the 24th instant. Passed Cape St. James at 10 a.m. same day. Had light S.W. winds and fine weather until 26th; thence had strong N.E. winds and heavy rain to Hongkong. Arrived in Hongkong at 7 87 p.m. on the 28th.

The British steamship Namoa reports left Foochow on the 24th instant. Amoy on the 26th. and Swatow on the 28th. From Foochow to Amoy had moderate S.W. wind and fine weather. From Amoy to Swatow had moderate and light S.E. wind and rain. From Swatow to Hongkong had Southerly swell. In Foochow the steamship Taku and H.M.S. Cockchafer, In Swatow the steamships Tamsui, Taichow, Danube, Chi-yuen, Hungarian and Lusitania.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS. __16, Nagoya Maru, Japan, steamer, from Japan, 16, Pechili, British steamer, from Nagasaki. 16, Ichang, British steamer, from Hankow. 16, Teucer, British steamer, from Liverpool. 16, Iltis, German gunboat, from Korea. 16, Wolf, German gunboat, from Fusan. 16, Taku, British steamer, from Foochow. 17, Kung-wo, British steamer, from Hankow. 17, Chung-king, British steamer, from Tientsin

17, Keelung, British steamer, from Swatow. 17, El Dorado, British steamer, from Tientsin. 18, Baikal, Russian str., from Wladivostock. 18, Pautah, Chinese steamer, from Tientsin. 18, Kiang-yung, Chinese str., from Hankow. 18, Tyne, British steamer, from Nagasakl. 19, Fuh-wo, British steamer, from Hankow. 19, Sin Nanzing, British str., from Tientsin. , Diomed, British steamer, from London. 19, Wha-on, British steamer, from Hankow.

20, Yung-ning, Chinese str., from Wenchow. 20, Pekin, British steamer, from Hankow. 20, Wuchang, British steamer, from Tientsin. 20, Euphrates, British steamer, from Hiogo. 20, Ancona, British steamer, from Bombay. 20, Hac-an, Chinese steamer, from Tientsin. 20, Sec-wo, British steamer, from Swatow. 20, Iolani, British steamer, from Glasgow. 20, Chin-tung, Chinese steamer, from Swatow.

21, Kinng-teen, Chinese str., from Ningpo. 21, Posang, British steamer, from Hongkong. .21, Kiang-piau, Chinese str., from Hankow. 21, Swatow, British steamer, from Amoy. 21, Helena, British bark, from Newchwang. 22, Newchwang, British str., from Tientsin. 22, Tun-sin, British steamer, from Ningpo. 22, Sual, British steamer, from Hankow. 22, Kow-shing, British-steamer, from Tientsin. 22, Fung-shun, Chinese steamer, from Tientsin. 22, Lucky, Siamese bark, from Bangkok.

22, Yangteze, British steamer, from Hongkong. 22, Kestrel, British gunboat, from Ningpo. 22, S. Nordiske, Danish str., from a cruise. 22, Amoy, British steamer, from Hongkong.

DEPARTURES. 16, Kiang-foo, Chinese steamer, for Hankow. 16, Hwai-yuen, Chinese str., for Hongkong. 16, Hac-ting, Chinese steamer, for Chefoo. 16, Gervase, British steamer, for Karatzu. 17, Benledi, British steamer, for London. 17, Golconde, French str., for Marseilles.

17, Ningpo, British steamer, for Hongkong, 17, Taiwo, British steamer, for Hankow. 17, W. C. de Vries, British str., for Hankow. 17, Dartmouth, British bark, for London. 18, Yangtsé, French steamer, for Hongkong. 18, Jason, British steamer, for London. 18, Ichang, British steamer, for Hankow. 18, M. A. Dixon, British bark, for Chefoo.

18, Chung-king, British steamer, for Chefoo. 19, Kiang-yu, Chinese steamer, for Hankow. 19, Taku, British steamer, for Foochow. 19, El Dorado, British steamer, for Chefoo. 19, Keelung, British steamer, for Chefoo. 19. Sea Swallow, British bark, for Nagasaki, 19. Waverley, British steamer, for Kuchinotzu,

21, Tyne, British steamer, for Nagasaki. -21, Peking, British steamer, for Hongkong. 21, Pautah, Chinese steamer, for Tientsin. 21, Wuchang, British steamer, for Chefoo. 21, Kiang-teen, Chinese steamer, for Ningpo. 22, Nagoya Maru, Japan. steamer, for Japan. 22, Yung-ning, Chinese steamer, for Wenchow. 22, Whn-on, British steamer, for Hankow.

22, Tun-sin, British steamer, for Ningpo.

Coal.—Messageries Maritimes. 22, Sin Nanzing, British steamer, for Chefoo. 22, Kung-wo, British steamer, for Hankow, August,-Bangkok 11th August, General.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

AMOY. British steamer, 814, C. Herrmann, 21st Siemssen & Co.-Kowloon Dock. BANGALORE, British steamer, 1,309, J. P. Hassall, 21st August, -- Bombay 4th August, and Singapore 15th, General.-P. & O. S. N. Co. BENLEDI, British steamer, 1,000, J. Ross, 28th August,-Shanghai, and Foochow 26th

CHURRUCA, Spanish steamer, 403, G. de Hormachea, 23rd July,—Manila 20th July, General and Treasure (\$113,000).—Remedios & Co.—Kowloon Dock.

August, Tea and General.—Gibb, Livingston

COPTIC, German steamer, 4,366, W. H. Kidley, 19th August,-San Francisco 21st July, and Yokohama 12th August, Mails and General. . — O. & O. S. S. Co.—Cosmopolitan 🕖 DIAMANTE, British steamer, 514, R. F. Cullen,

28th August,-Manila 25th August, Generai.—Russell & Co. EMUY, Spanish steamer, 410, Rementeria, 30th

June,—Manila 27th June, General.—Remedios & Co.—Kowloon Dock. FAME, British steamer, 117 (Stopani)-Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. GLENELG, British steamer, 894, Speechly, 16th August,—San Francisco, and Honolulu 13th

· July, General.—Gilman & Co. IPHIGENIA, German steamer, 1,059, F. Ahrens, 22nd August,-Saigon 19th August, Paddy and General.-Siemssen & Co. KASHGAR, British steamer, 1,515, W. J. Webber, 28th August,-Yokohama 18th August,

Mails and General.-P. & O. S. N. Co. KILLARNEY, British steamer, 1,060, O'Neill 27th August,-Newcastle, N.S.W., 9th Aug., Coal.—Gibb, Livingston & Co. KONG BENG, British steamer, 862, Bryce, 28th

August, -Bangkok 21st August, General --Yuen Fat Hong. Li Yung, Annamite steamer, 150, Chun, 19th June,-Touron 15th June, General.-Chi-

MARIE, German steamer, 714, T. Hohemann, 26th August,—Nagasaki 20th August, Coals. Wieler & Co. MENELAUS, British steamer, 1,518, Lapage, 28th August,-Liverpool 14th July, and Singa-

pore 22nd August, General.—Butterfield & Swire. Phra Chula Chom Klao, British str., 1,011, Lightwood, 22nd August,—Bangkok 15th August, Rice.-Hop Hing Hong. PHRA CHOM KLAO, British steamer, 1,011, Henry

Stratton, 25th August, -Bangkok 19th Aug., Rice and General.—Borneo Co. Ping-on, British steamer, 577, A. A. McCaslin, 27th August,-Pakhoi 24th August, and Hoihow 26th, General.—Russell & Co. RAVENNA, British steamer, 2,035, E. Stewart, 28th August,—Shanghai 25th August, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Sin Tainan, German str., 47, H. Victeen, 30th July,-Taiwan 24th July, Ballast.-Captain. STRATHMORE, British steamer, 1,383, L. White, 27th August,-Glasgow 7th July, and Singapore 21st August, General.—Adamson,

Suzz, British steamer, 1,390, Geo. Ainslie, 20th July,-Honolulu 28th June, Flour and General.—Russell & Co.—Kowloon Dock. TAKACHIHO MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,152, C. Nye, 28th August,—Nagasaki 21st August, General.—Mitsu Bishi M. S. S. Co.

TANNADICE, British steamer, 1,849, S. G. Green, 25th August, -Foochow 23rd August, Tea. -Gibb, Livingston & Co. THALES, British steamer, 820, T. G. Pocock, 26th August,-Swatow 25th August, Gene-

---- sailing-vessels.--ALBYN'S ISLE, British bark, 360, C. Bargess, 15th August,-Touron 9th August, Coal.-Chinese. ANNA, German bark, 447, W. Jessen, 20th Aug.,

ral.-D. Lapraik & Co.

-Newchwang 12th July, Beans.-Wieler & Co.
Anton Gunther, German bark, 441, F. Stein- Brunette, British bark, 375 (Turnhill)—Morris brugge, 6th August,-Touron 31st July,

Coal.-Melchers & Co. AURORA, British bark, 294, R. Milne, 7th August,
—Bangkok 25th July, Rice.—Chinese. CARL RITTER, German bark, 595, C. Mahl, 6th August,-Cardiff ist March, Coal-Siemssen & Co.

CHANDERNAGOR, German bark, 683, Sachse, 19th June,—Touron 14th June, Coals.—F. Blackhead & Co. CHOCORUA, American ship, 1,163, Locke, 30th June,-Hiogo 3rd May, Ballast,-Master-

CITADEL, British bark, 264, Morrison, 28th August,-Newchwang 4th August, Beans.-Man Yuen Loong.

Elsz, German brig, 287, Brinckmeier, 25th August,-Iloilo 5th August, Sapanwood.-Captain. ERLKONIO, German bark, 456, A. Nantly, 20th August,-Newchwang 17th July, Beans.-Siemssen & Co. -FORMOSA, British schooner, 381, W. T. Quayle,

8th August,-Newchwang 10th July, Beans. -Siemssen & Co.-Kowloon Dock. FORTUNE, Siamese bark, 447, Soderstrom, 26th August, Bangkok 11th August, General.

GOODELL, American bark, 843, Wm. R. Hogan, Oil.—Russell & Co. GRANDEE, American ship, 1,254, Jacobs, 15th

July,-Newcastle, N.S.W., 26th May, Coal. -Order.-Kowloon Dock. GREYHOUND, British brig, 231, Prescott, 9th August,—Albany, W.A., 16th June, Wood.

HANS, German bark, 313, A. Thomsen, 20th August,-Newchwang 13th July, Beans.-HANSA, German bark, 499, L. O. Deneken, 21st

August,-Hamburg 14th April, General.-HELENA, Swedish 3-m. schooner, 199, H. O. Berggren, 11th August,-Port Natal 13th June, Ballast .- Turner & Co. HENG SENG, Siamese bark, 316, W. H. H. Rey-

nolds, 24th August, -Bangkok 10th August, General.—Chinese. JACOBINE, German bark, 417, C. H. Christensen. 20th August,-Newchwang 26th July, Beans, Ed. Schellhass & Co.

KILLEENA, British bark, 795, H. Wallace, 11th August,—Hamburg 11th April, General.— Ada, British schooner, 73 (Hardy)—Master.

Meyer & Co.

Alma, American schooner, 52 (Tibbey)—J. D. Meyer & Co. Louisa, German 3-m. sch., 245, Schlerloch, 2nd Jan.,-Whampoa 31st Dec., General,-

MAGIC, British schooner, 214, White, 20th Aug -Newchwang 25th July, Beans. Order. MARIE, German bark, 465, Hyland, 20th August, -Newchwang 17th July, Beans.-Wieler

MATHILDE, German bark, 355, N. Tonningsen, 21st August,—Quinhon 15th August, Gene-MYVANNY, British barkentine, 162, James Vin-

cent, 23rd August,-Port Natal 27th June, Ballast.—Turner & Co. 21, Kiang-yung, Chinese steamer, for Hankow. RAMIER, French brig, 280, Savary, 28th June, -Iloilo 10th June, General.-Carlowitz & Co.

ROBERT DIXON, American ship, 1,368, O. Young, 23rd August,-Cardiff 23rd April, STARLIGHT, Siamese bark, 570, Muller, 26th

HONGKONG-SAILING VESSELS. Continued.

SIAMESE CROWN, Sinmese ship, 537, C. L. Jorgensen, 22nd August, - Awhin 6th August, General.—Kin Tye Loong. August, Canton 20th August, General - Soungao, American bark, 1,004, F. D. Wakls, 9th August,-Newcastle, N.S.W., 7th June,

Coal.—Adamson, Bell & Co. Southern Cross, American ship, 1,086, G. A. Coals.—D. Lapraik & Co.

26th July,-from Chungchow.-W. H. Ray. TWILIGHT, American ship, 1,265, W. C. Warland, 8th June,-Newcastle, N.S.W., 14th April, Coal.—Adamson, Bell & Co. VELOCITY, British bark, 490, R. Martin, 27th August,-Chesoo with August, General.-Pustau & Co.

WRECKER, American lorcha, 55, Henderson. 16th July,-Guap Island 1st June, General. . -Blackhead & Co. ZOUAVE, American ship, 1,202, Robert C. Loper, 3rd August,-Cardiff 4th April, Coals.-P,

& O. S. N. Co. WHAMPOA.

LOONG WHA, British 3-m. schooner, 374, G. Graham, 20th July,—Singapore 14th July, Timber,—Ed. Schellhass & Co. SATURNUS, German bark, 608, Schade, 19th August,-Newchwang 13th July, Beans.-Siemssen & Co.

RIVER STEAMERS,

Hankow, British steamer, 2,235, Ogston.-Butterfield & Swire. Ho-nam, British steamer, 1,377, T. Benning.— Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co. Kiang-ping, Chinese steamer, 360, Holmes.— C. M. S. N. Co.

-Kiu-kiang,-British-steamer,-617,-G.-B.-Lefavor, Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steam-boat Co. Kiung-chow, British steamer, 159, Goggin .-Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co. Powan, British steamer, 1,890-Hongkong, Canton. & Macao Steam-boat Co. Spark, British steamer, 140.-Hongkong, Can-

ton, & Macao Steam-boat Co. White Cloud, British_steamer, 527, A. Benning. -Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steam-boat Yot-sai, British steamer, 180, Hoyland.-Hong-

kong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat, Co.

In Port on 20th August, 1883.

Amoy, German schooner, 314 (Thetzen)-H. A. Petersen & Co. Anna Dorothea, German bark, 343 (Jensen)-— Pasedag & Co. 🔻 Anna Bertha, German bark, 468 (H. Krause)-

Pasedag & Co. Chateaubriand, British bark, 409 (J. Edwards, H. A. Petersen & Co. Confucius, Siamese schooner, 258 (Simpson)— Daniel, German bark, 416 (Vogt) - Pasedag &

Ernst, German schooner, 356 (Hildebrand)— Pasedag & Co. Frohlich, German brig, 360 (Moller)—Pasedag

G. H. Wappaus, British bark, 533 (Schroder)-Helene, German bark, 250 (Kossow)—Boyd Lee-yih, British bark, 219 (Cathune)-Captain.

Milton, Norwegian bark, 467 (Kroger)-H. A. Petersen & Co. Oscar Mooyer, German bark, 360 (Johannsen)— H. A. Petersen & Co. Perle, British bark, 400-(Kruse)-Pasedag & Co. Roderick Hay, British bark, 290 (Nicholson)-H. A. Petersen & Co.

SHANGHAI.

In Port on 23rd August, 1883.

Centaur, German bark, 458 (Oflersen)-Master. Charon Wattana, Siamese bark, 565 (Ulrich)-Butterfield & Swire. Chihaya Maru, Japanese bark, 441 (Yamomoto) Chingtah, Chinese bark, 472 (Taylor)-C. M

Diamond, British bark, 391 (Inokay)-Morris Dorothy, British bark, 310 (Croad(--Drysdale, Ringer & Co. Foochow, Siamese brig, 300 (Petersen)-Master. Gesine Brons, German bark, 401 (Trumbpck) -

Siemssen & Co. Helena, British bark, 565 (Hansen)-Nils Moller. Kolga, German bark, 540 (Lome Bang)-Russell Leander, British ship, 148 (Hamilton)-J. W.

Obed Baxter, American bark, 877 (Baxter)-Turnbull, Howie & Co. Paul Jones, American ship, 1,205 (Gerish)-C. & J. Trading Co. Queen of India, British bark, 389 (Inokay)-W. Hewett & Co. Satsuma, British bark, 364 (Lord)-Morris & Co.

Siam, Siamese bark, 225 (Thomson)—Butterfield & Swire. 18th July,-New York 30th Jan., Kerosine Solinor, British bark, 241 (Schroder)-Nils

NAGASAKI. In Port on 12th August, 1883.

Evangeline, British schooner, (Bell)--Holme, _Ringer & Co. Ferdinand, German bark, 416 (Westergaard)-Holme, Ringer & Co. Kanagawa Maru, Japanese bark, 1,184 (M. B. Louise, American schooner, 280 (Lawrence) -Holme, Ringer & Co, Sooloo, British bark, 472 (Baikie)-Holme, Rin-Stout, Norwegian bark, 581 (Hennester)-Holme, Ringer & Co. Wild Wood, American bark, 1,008 (Sawyer)-

> YOKOHAMA. In Port on 11th August, 1883

C. & J. Trading Co.

Carroll & Co. Black Diamond, German bark, 670 (Boyd)-P. E. von Beaulieu, German bark, 336 (Getting)-Grosser & Co. Essex, American bark, 611 (McCormack)-F. Abbey, American bark, 1,048, (Marey)-R Hindoo, German bark, 541 (Mathiesen)-M. B J. E. Graham, British bark, 1,304 (Cochram)-Messageries Maritimes. M. Wenkleman, American bark, 505 (Alberg)-M. Hermann & Co. Minerva, German brig, 319 (Duhme)-Jardine,

Matheson & Co. Pearl, American bark, 536 (Howes)-Jardine, Matheson & Co. St. David, American ship, 1,535 (Frost)-J. D. Carroll & Co. Stillwater, British bark, 1,000 (Goudy)-Smith,

HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIRS IN THE CHINA SQUADROW.

Albatross, screw sloop, 4 guns, Commander Chas. Hicks. Chefoo. Audacious, double-screw-iron frigate, Captain Re-E. Tracey, Chefoo. Champion, corvette, 14 guns, Captain Collins,

Bailey, 18th August,-New York 14th April, | Cleopatra, corvette, 14 guns, Captain Hippisley. SPARTAN, American schooner, 85, Ch. Vincent, | Cockchafer, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieut.-Com. Wood, Foochow.

Curacoa, corvette, 14 guns, Captain Anstruther, Daring, composite sloop, 4 guns, Commander F. J. Eliott, Chefoo. Esk, double-screw gunboat, 3 guns, in reserve,

Espoir, gunboat, Commander Gamble, Hong-Flying-Fish, sloop, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander Hoskyn, Korca. Fly, double-screw gun-vessel, 4 guns, Commander J. Hope, Singapore. Foxhound, gunbeat, 4 guns, Lieut.-Commander

McQuhae, Shanghai. Kestrel, double-screw gun-vessel, 4 guns, Com--mander E. Hotham, Shanghai. Linnet British gunboat, Commander C. P. Harris. Chefoo. Magpie, surveying vessel, 4 guns, Lieut.-Com. Carpenter, Sandakan.

Midge, double-screw gun-vessel, In reserve-Pegasus, sloop, 6 guns, Commander E. F. Day, Sapphire, corvette, 9 guns, Commander John R. T. Fullerton, Shanghai.

Swift, double-screw gun-vessel, 5 guns, Commander V. A. Tisdall, Hongkong. Tweed, double-screw gunboat, 3 guns, in reserve, Hongkong. Victor Emmanuel, receiving ship, 20 guns, Com-

modore Cuming, Hongkong. Vigilant, paddle despatch-vessel, a guns, Com mander C. Lindsay, Nagasaki. Wivern, turret-ship, 4 guns, in reserve, Hong Zephyr, gunboat, 4 guns, Lieutenant-Commander Pollard, Yokohama.

FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA STATION.

Abreck, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Captain Schanz, Vladivostock Alert, American corvette, 4 guns, Commander L. Kempff, Kobe. Aragon, Spanish cruiser, Commander J. R. Hiquero,-Manila. Cher, French gunboat, Commander Lafon, Duke of Edinburgh, Russian fronclad, Captain de Giers, Vladivostock. Ermak, Russian transport, Captain Koltchau, Gornostai, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander Stark, Vladivostock. Iltis,-German-gunboat, 8 guns, Commander Klausa, Shanghai. Kersaint, French corvette, Commander Beau-

mont, Shanghai. Leipzig, German corvette, 16 guns, Captain Herbig. Hakodate. Lutin, French gunboat, 4 guns, Commander Rouvier, Shanghai. Marques de Duero, Spanish despatch-vessol, Don Domingo Caravaca, Manila. Monocacy, American gunboat, 6 guns, Commander C. S. Cotton, Nagasaki.

Morge, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander Tatarinoff, Shanghai. Nerpa, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander Valrondt, Vladivostock Palos, American gunboat, 6 guns, Lieutenanti Commander Green, Hongkong. Plastoun, Russian sloop, 8 guns, Captain Poliansky, Saigon. Richmond, American frigate, 14 guns, Captain

Skerrett, Yokohama. Sobol, Russian gunboat, 7 guns, Commander Boyle, Vladivostock. St. Petersburg, Russian transport, 6 guns, Captain Sidenener, Vladivostock. Stosch, German corvette, 19 guns, Captain Buchholtz, Shanghai. Tamega, Portuguese gunboat, Commander da

Costa Cabral, Macao. Tongous, Russian gunboat, Commander Heck Triomphante, French corvette,:17 guns, Captain Baux, Hongkong.

Vestnik, Russian sloop, 8 guns, Captain Avelan, Victorieuse, French frigate, 14 guns, Captain de la Batie, Hongkong. Villars, French corvette, 15 guns, Captain M.

Dewatre, Hongkong. Volta, French corvette, Captain Fournier. Vostock, Russian gunboat, 4 guns, Commander Molchonsky, Vladivostock. Wolf, German gunboat, 4 guns, Commander

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· von Raven, Shanghai.

An-lan, Viceroy's gunboat, 7 guns, Lin : Kuo Ch'ang, Canton. Chee-hing, Revenue cruiser, 2 guns, Chinese Captain, Canton. Chen-to, Viceroy's gunboat, 7 guns, J. Stewart, Chên-jui, Revenue cruiser, 3 guns, Chinese-Ching-on, Revenue cruiser, 2 guns, Chung, Wing Ching-telng, Viceroy's gunboat, 4 guns, F. Bes-

Chop-chung, Revenue cruiser, --- Li Tack Ming, Chop-sai, Viceroy's gunboat, Changion a cruise Hai-ch'ang-ching, Revenue cruiser, 3 gunt, Wu Jul Ch'ang, Canton. Hai-king-ching, Viceroy's gunboat, 3 guns, Ho

Pung Shu, Canton. Hoi-tung-hung, Viceroy's gunboat, Leung, Yiu-Ting, Canton. Hua-shan, Viceroy's gunboat, 2 guns, H.J. Faunch,

Li-she, Revenue cruiser, 3 guns, Chinese, Canton, Peng-chao-hai, Revenue, cruiser, 4 guns, Lhow, Shei, Hongkong. Quang-on, Viceroy's gunboat, 4 guns, Lie Ping Tie, Hongkong. Shen-chi, Revenue cruiser, 5 guns, Sau Tsung

Sul-tsing, Viceroy's gunboat, 4 guns, J. B. Murray, Hai Ling Shan. Tching-on, Viceroy's gunboat, 2 guns, Chinese Admiral, Hogue Forts. Tching-po, Viceroy's gunboat, 3 guns, Ching, Tchun-tung, Revenue chuiser, 2 guns, Chun

Ti Hu, West Coast. Tsing-po, Viceroy's gunboat, 6 guns, A. Garceau, Yi-hu, Viceroy's gunboat, 2 guns, Chinese, Yn-min Viceroy's gunboat, 2 guns, J. Yests,

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Hongkong, 4th April, 1883. Printed and Published by ROBERT TRASER SMITH, no. A LODGE of Emergency of St. John, No. 618, S.C., will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Streening, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. precisely.

Warnote that the medical practitioners in Manita .. who rendered such good services during the cholera epidemic in the Philippines are to receiv substantial pecuniary recompense from Government in recognition of their efforts at that trying period.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Teheran. Captain R. G. Murray, with the English mail of July 27th, arrived in harbour this afternoon. We take the subjoined items from the London and China Express :-

An international match at lawn tennis has been played on the Wimbledon Ground, and was won by the Messrs. Renshaw, the British champions, against the Messrs. Clark, representing

'Advices from Tamatave to the 13th inst. state that from the 26th ult. to the 5th inst the Hovas made repeated attacks on the French force, which were, however, repulsed. Mr. Pakenham, the British Consul, was buried on the 22nd ult The archives of the Consulate had previously been sent on board the Dryad.

A telegram from Malta, July 26, states that the Italian barque Achille from Buenos Ayres for Antwerp, and the steamer Glenogle, from London for China, were in collision at 11 P.M. July 17, near Sovereign Shoal Light vessel, when the former vessel sank, three of the crew being lost; the latter put in to Malta, and landed the remainder of the

The Messageries Maritimes de France notify that in consequence of the regulations now in force their steamers are obliged to deviate somewhat from their ordinary routes, one of which is that the company have decided that their homeward steamer from Australia and China will cease to communicate with Post Said until further notice

After considerable labour the fore part of H.M.S. Lively, which was sold last week, has and towed into Stornoway harbour. The length of the forepart is about seventy feet, and had broken up. There is a large quantity of copper still on the rock in deep water.

It is a pity that the Ting-Yuen, the new Chinese ironclad, was not finished in time to receive few words from Lieut, the Hon. Henry Shore in his paper on the Naval Strength of China. She has acquited herself in a wonderful manner with a European crew, from all accounts, but what she may do when handed to a Chinese crew will probably be interesting to watch.

The Comus, 14, steel and iron corvette, cased | Bay or Wladivostock. with wood, 2,380 tons, 2,450 horse power, Captain James W. East, has received orders to return from the Pacific station to Sheerness (where she was commissioned on Oct. 23, 1879), -to-be-paid-out-of-commission,-upon-the-arrivalat Valparaiso of the Satellite, Captain C. B. Theobald, which left Sheerness in May last.

The keel of a new unarmoured composite sloop, to be named the Pylades, has been laid down at Sheerness. The vessel will be constructed upon the same lines as the steel coravette Comus, and will carry 12 powerful breach. loading guns. Her principal dimensions are as follows: -- Length between perpendiculars, 200ft. breadth, 37st.; displacement in tons, 1,420. She will be fitted with engines of 950-horse power, and is estimated to cost £70,000.

Colonel Bannerman, Commandant 4th Rifles, has been granted the good-service pension. H served in the China war of 1860, horse transport service at the landing at Peh-tang, battle of Sin ho, bombardment and capture of the entrenched village of Tangkow, assault and capture of the Taku Forts, accompanied the advance of the army on Tientsin and Peking, including the battles of Chang-kia-Waman Tungchow, and

occupation of Peking (medal and two clasps). The following appointments in H.B.M.'s China Consular Service, dated July 11th, are published in the Gazette of the 20th inst.:- The Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Byron Brenan, Esq., now Her Majesty's Consul at Wuhu, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Chefoo; Benjamin Charles George Scott, Esq., now Her Majesty's Vice-Consul at Shanghai, to be Her Majesty's Consul at Wuhu; Herbert Allen Giles, Esq., now Her Majesty's Vice-consul at Pagoda Island, to be Her Majosty's Vice-Consulat Shanghai; and Pelham Laird Warren, Esq., to be

Her Majesty's Consul at Pagoda Island.

The Kwang Lee, a screw steamer of about 2.400 tons, built by Mr. W. B. Thompson, Whiteinch, Glasgow, to the order of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, was launched on the 11th inst. She measures 280 feet by 30 feet 6 inches by 25 feet, and is being supplied by the builder at his Dundee works with engines of who sentenced him to death. The unfortunate 250 horse-power nominal, the cylinders having | man was not allowed the easy release from life diameters of 36 inches and 72 inches respectively. by decapitation, but was subjected to the cruel with a stroke of 48 inches. Accommodation | death of having his body pierced with an iron will be provided for about thirty-six first-class | rod,-and died in the most excruciating agony. passengers, and the whole of the 'tween decks will be fitted up for second-class passengers, the ployed in the city to ten; each of whom are vessel having special arrangements for the China coasting and river trade.

CORRESPONDENCE

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

CORRUPT OFFICIALDOM. TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." SIR,-Your two contemporaries, the China Mail and Daily Press, are quick to seize every pretext for criticising the American Civil Service drawing invidious comparisons with the English. but strangely enough I have seen no allusion in their columns to the frauds and corruption which notoriously exist smong officials in this colony, and which you are now engaged in exposing. Do those who control these two newspapers belong to that class described in the Scriptures-"Who seeing-see not, and hearing-hear not," what everyone else in the colony sees and hears? When an American is ceived theidea of visiting Foochow, and decamped found guilty of official corruption he is not from their homes. Before they had quite com- hama at a cost of 100,000 yen. The officers contain any poisonous drugs. By its cooling simply told as a certain Hongkong official recent- pleted their journey, they were met by a native, have been warned not to receive presents of any properties it allays the itching and fever of the kind from the contractors in acknowledgment of scalp, which is the great cause of people losing the delinquent is kicked out of office and the gladly accepted. After cating the same they favor in helping them to get the contracts. newspapers publish his infamy to the world. T hope you will continue the war on corruption.

"Be just and fear not" Can you tell me whether or not the Government here has taken any steps towards investigating the practices you recently exposed at the Harbour Master's office?

Yours truly, JUSTICE.

Hongkong, 29th August, 1883.

[If the fast paragraph of our correspondent's communication refers to the old established practice at the Harbour Office of charging a ice of one dollar per man for all sailors, shipped at the Foreign Consulates in the colony, he will find some information on the subject in our leading article. We have no intention of abandoning the crusade against the many disgraceful forms of official corruption which we know exist, and shall be glad to receive the assistance of the public in carrying out our mission to a successful issue. Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

WLTH THE BRITISH FLEET IN THE NORTH.

We are indebted for the following interesting tems relating to the movements of the British Squadron under the command of Admiral Willes, in the north, to the courtesy of a naval corres-

pondent :— Cruising Squadron left that beautiful harbour on the morning of the 10th August, two of the ships—the Cleopatra and Daring—having sailed early on the previous day, their rendezvous being Tusima, a Japanese island some 100 miles distant from Nagasaki. The Vigilant, having been left behind to bring on recovered officers and men expected from the naval sick quartersat Yokohama, left at daylight on the 13th and on the afternoon of the same day the vessels of the Squadron were sighted under sail making the best of their way to Chosan, one of the Corean ports. The next morning the harbour of Chosan was enlivened by the presence of the British Squadron consisting of the Audacious (flag-ship) Cledhatra, Curatoa, Sapphire, Daring, Pegasus, Albatross, Linnet and Vigilant, which, anchored in two lines, made a very pretty and effective sight. The first of the ships to arrive off the port was the Albatross, followed some time afterwards by the Pegasus; the Sapphire being the first of the corvettes.

People interested in the future of Corea will be glad to hear that the site of the British Consulate has been purchased and marked out, and no doubt the Consulate will soon be erected It will be situated on a small hill about midway between the Japanese and Corean towns, and most probably will soon be surrounded by the Europeans who are going to settle here. branch of the Corean Customs under European supervision will shortly be established at Chosan. A European store has also just been opened, and, as the climate is a very good one, there certainly appears every prospect of the country been successfully floated by means of large casks, | turning out another outlet for trade in years to come. The harbour of Chosan is a capital one and easy of access.

The sporting element of the Fleet have been about her and general stores. The afterpart is indefatigable after game, but, although they got up. a drive for hog deer the other day, owing to the thickness of the cover they had no luck. A few pheasants were shot and two or three hog deer seen, but they got away in the thick brushwood. On the 16th, the Squadron sailed for Port Lazaref, another of the Corean ports, and the Vigilant returned to Nagasaki with mails. The despatch boat will probably rejoin the flagship about the 26th or 27th inst., at either Posiette

The Foxhound is stationed in the Gulf of Pechili and the Zephyr has gone to Hakodate.

_FOOCHOW,

News reaches us from up-country of a native, who was cutting grass, being bitten by a venomous snake, which not only caused his death, but also that of his son, who, it is said, by leaning over the body, to see whether life was extinct, inhaled his parent's breath. We live and learn, as we were certainly unaware that the breath of a person dying from blood-poisoning was contagious.

The reform brought about by our Commissioner of Customs in the method of informing the community-of the amount of export of tea, and import of opium and treasure, will, we opine, be appreciated. The circular system was certainly anything but efficacious, and only involved the waste of time in signing batches of circulars, containing the names of steamers, despatched almost sufficiently long as to have

We learn that the recent numerous deaths occurring amongst the native : of Qwan Tao and Sharp Peak, are assigned by the natives to quite a different cause to that of an epidemic. appears that a high civil official having died at the former port, five mandarins proceeded from Foochow in one of their houseboats, to attend the funeral of the deceased. Shortly before reaching their destination, a squall suddenly capsized their yessel; the result being the drowning of its previous occupants. The supposition, or rather superstition, is that those who perished were justly punished for recent misdeeds, and that the plague, at the two ports, was a visitation on the inhabitants for allowing these mandarins to have remained in office.

We are informed that one of the public executioners in the city, who had held this sanguinary office for a period of sixty-two years, occasioned some offence, a few days ago, to the authorities, This reduces the number of executioners empaid sums varying from two to three dollars per-"head," besides having a few perquisites.

The partiality that the Chinese have for pork, renders them totally oblivious of the horrible disease styled trichinosis, to which consumers of | She is expected in Japan about January next. this article of diet are especially liable during the summer season. This complaint, however, displays itself in a different form to that in which it visits Europeans, which is probably attributable to the begrimed state of their skin, the porce of which will not allow of free perspiration. On Friday last two of these pachydermatous animals were slaughtered in Poochow, and a portion of the flesh partaken of by the family to whom they belonged. The only, son was first attacked with symptoms of ague and then appeared to become imbecile. Both the parents, shortly afterwards, became speechless, and there is every probability of their remaining dumb, as, up to the present time, power of articulation has not returned.

We learn that last week two, city youths conboth became insensible, and in this condition were carried by their seducer to the river, and placed in a sampan and taken away. Strange to say that although there were several witnesses to the whole proceedings, there was not the slightest interference, and doubtless, if interrogated, the cowardly onlookers would make the usual reply "No blong my pidgin." Al-though the walls of Foochow have been posted with bills, describing the juveniles, and offering rewards for their restoration, nothing has been heard of them up to the present, and we presume

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

-Herold and the same

that they have been taken to a distance and sold.

The steamer Glenogle left Singapore for this port on the 26th instant, and is due here on the 1st proximo.

The steamer Naples left Sydney on the 16th instant, and is due here on or about the roth

THE FOOCHOW TEA TRADE.

The following translation of a circular issued by the Chinese tea hong proprietors appears in a

recent issue of the Foochow Flerald:-

"It has been reported that the production of tea leaves in the Fublien Province has, during recent years, immensely increased, and that losses After a pleasant stay at Nagasaki, the China | been sustained for several years; and that we, the | the 2nd proximo. merchants and the tea-men, have also for the like number of years experienced similar losses. In consequence of there not being a large consumption of teas in foreign countries, the accumulation of such article has become as a mountain, and resulted in the market of foreign countries daily going down, whereby foreign merchants are doubtful (about making purchases). Moreover, in successive years, the transportation of teas, from the western and northern tea districts, of second and third crop, also the autumnal season teas, for sale in Foochow will keep increasing, (iit: like a spring which cannot be exhausted) and if no measure is taken to decrease the quantity of such teas, we have no idea of what may be the extent of further losses to both Chinese and foreign merchants. As a proof f the latter being losers, one finds that such foreign merchants of Foochow have, every now and then, received telegrams advising the many losses upon the first crop teas bought in the course of the present year and shipped to foreign countries, no matter whether they shipped them by the first, second, or third vessels; whereby they have stopped buying for the present.

As we are afraid that many teamen are ex-

pecting a very large consumption (lit: purchases) to be made for the future, and will manage, by some means, to large quantities of teas to Foochow, and thus make_their_losses still-heavier_it-is-well-to-givea caution before hand. As we, the proprietors of the different tea hongs, cannot bear to sit quietly and see the many losses incurred by those interested, we have therefore assembled and consulted together, so that the important matter of the tea trade of this province may be well-guarded. We have come to the conclusion that those tea hongs, which have applied on behalf of their constituents for transit passes, must have all such passes recalled, and return the same to the Foochow Lekin Office on the 10th day of the 8th Moon (10th September 1883) when they are (requested) not to pay the lekin taxes on account of tea-men. 'It will also be necessary to cut short the quantity of teas which may be sent down from the country; and by taking this step it will benefit Chinese and foreign merchants alike. Should any of us, the proprictors of the different ten hongs, take the advantage of secretly paying lekin taxes for our constituents, such of us tea-men, if detected, shall be fined \$1,000.

Now, we have purposely made known the state of the foreign market, as well as that of this province, as it is our wish (to see) that the tea-men give us their hearty support to stop the purchases of teas in the tea districts at present, and that they may wait the opportunity of the first crop of next season to again plan for gain. It would also be well for the growers not to pick tea leaves of the Autumn season, as by leaving the same untouched, they will probably derive some advantage on the early pickings of the first crop, and young teas of next year. It is therefore requested that you, the tea-men, shall not hold out expectations of making gains by pouring so much teas into Foochow, as you must not fail to guard against futurity; and in compliance with such request, our wishes will be fully real-

Dated the 7th day of the 7th Moon in the 9th Year of the Reign of Kwang-su (9th August Publicly issued by the Hong Proprietors.

NOTES FROM JAPANESE PAPERS.

A steam fire-engine has been ordered from Mr. Tanaka, Secretary of His Majesty's Lega-

tion in Rome, has been recalled. The authorities are taking measures to preent graduates from joining political parties.

The price of the German steamer which the Kiyodo Unyu Kwaisha intend to purchase is

H.E. Ito has received permission to wear the various foreign decòrations which he received vhile travelling in Europe.

The Omi Maru, one of the four steamers purchased in London by the Union Shipping Company, has left Europe for Japan.

His Excellency Asano, Minister to Italy, has written home requesting that a number of intelligent youths be sent to Italy for education. ---

Mr. Saito Shuichiro, the late interperter to the American Embassy in Soul, has been re-appointed Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Office.

The Kasagi Kan, now building in Germany, will be completed about the end of this month.

Great difficulties are experienced in transporting coal from the mines in Kiushiu to the coast in consequence of the drought which has dried

The Government will shortly despatch a number of students to China to study the Chinese language. The examination of candidates is at present being held.

Mr. Niwa Qukure, a merchant of Tokiyo, will shortly leave for France, having received instructions from the Minister of Finance, to report upon the system of commercial education

The public have begun to appreciate the usefulness of shorthand writing, which is now being taught in the Nippon Bocho Hippikwai (Association for Reporting). The demand for the services of competent stenographic reporters is so great that before they complete their course of study they are offered employment.

A report from Inchhön, Korea, says :- Commercially, there is nothing to report worth noting except that there is a violent fluctuation in the price of the new and the old coins. The principal imports from Japan are: - Japanese copper; and of foreign produce, lead, tin, shirtings, and other cotton fabrics. During the months of May, June, and July, fourteen vessels entered and lest the port. The settlers number two hundred and cleven. The representative of Jardine, Matheson & Co. has arrived here. A wharf will shortly be constructed at the western end of the Japanese Settlement. - Japan

MAILS EXPECTED

THE INDIAN MAIL. The steamer Moray, with the next Indian mail-left-Singapore on the 25th instant, and is due here the 31st.

THE AMERICAN MAIL. The P. P. S. S. steamer City of Rioide Janeiro, with the next American mail, left Yokohama in the shipment of teas, by foreign merchants, have on the 26th instant, and may be expected here on

Post Office.

For Singapore and London.-Per Benledi, today, the 20th instant, at 5 P.M. For Holhow and Pakhol .- Per Ping-on, to-

lay, the 20th instant, at 5 P.M. For Swatow and Bangkok .-- Per Phra Chom Klao, on Thursday, the 30th instant, at 11.30

For Amoy and Shanghai. -- Per Menclaus, tomorrow, the 30th instant, at 2.30 P.M. For Saigon .- Per Marie, to-morrow, the 30th instant, at 3.30 P.M. For Shanghai, Yokohama, and Hiogo.-Per

Strathmore, to-morrow, the 30th instant, at 3.30 For Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, &c., &c.-Per Tannadice, to-morrow, the 30th instant,

For Straits and Bombay.—Per Bangalore, on Friday, the 31st instant, at 3.30 P.M.
For Nagasaki and Kobe.—Per Takachiho Maru, on Friday, the 31st instant, at 3.30 P.M. For Nagasaki, Hiogo, and Yokohama.-Per Kashgar, on Saturday, the 1st -September, at

For Kudat and Sandakan.—Per Thales, on Saturday, the 1st September, at 3,30 P.M.

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N EMERGENCY LODGE will be held in A FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 20th instant, at 8-for 8.30 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren will be made cordially welcome.

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NOTICE.

THE List of Applications for SHARES in the L above Company will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 1st September, at Noon. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,

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On the 11th July, at 11, Well-road, Hamp-

stead, the wife of GEO. MURRAY BAIN, of Hongkong, of a son.

At Chesoo, on the 18th inst., J. C. THOMSON, of Messrs. Cornabé & Co.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1883.

Arew weeks ago we-directed-public-attention to the system which prevailed at the Harbour Master's Office of issuing permits to masters of vessels of other than British nationality, authorising such masters to ship their crews at their respective consulates, and made special reference to a fee of one dollar per man which it has been the practice of the department named to levy on ship-masters for this so-called privilege. Taking our stand on the clauses of "The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance of 1879," we contended and war. endeavored to prove—successfully we think that the exaction of this one dollar feecould not be legally justified, that, in fact, it was a bare-faced extortion, apparently due to "a series of incomprehensible misunderstandings, glaring misinterpretations, or gross blunders" in carrying out the pro--visions-of the ordinance, -Ordinance 8 of 1879, (sec. 5 chap. 5) which deals with the shipping and discharge of scamen says-"No seaman shall, except with the Harbour Master's sanction, be shipped to do duty on board any merchant ship whatever elsewhere then at the office of the Harbour Master, who shall charge for every scaman shipped, a fee of one dollar, such fee to be paid, in the first instance, by the master of the ship shipping such seaman, and such master shall deduct the same from the wages of the seaman shipped; and the Harbour Master shall require such seaman to lodge with him bis certificate of discharge from the last ship, and falling the production of such certificate, such seaman shall be bound to give satisfactory explanation to the Harbour Master of the cause of the non-production thereof. The above mentioned see shall be accounted for by the Harbour Master to

section of the act_would_appear_by_a_side. wind (i.e. the Harbour Master's sanction) to justify the permit system above alluded to; but a closer investigation of that and following sections conclusively negatives the assumption; in fact, it is plainly set adown that the ordinance applies only to British and Colonial-ships. The remaining sections of this chapter clearly show that the powers possessed by the Harbour Master with regard to British and Colonial vessels, are vested in the various Consuls or Vice-Consuls when foreign vessels are concerned." We further remarked that from a searching investigation of the Harbour Master's annual reports and other official statistics it was our impression the permit fees alluded to had not been regularly accounted for to the Treasury, as prescribed by ordinance. After calling attention to the strange anomaly that the Pacific Mail Company had never paid any such fees, we left the question open for investigation by the Hongkong Govern-

On an affair of such importance to foreign mercantile interests it was to be expected that the Foreign Consuls would take some action to have matters placed on some satisfactory basis. The lead appears to have been taken by Colonel Mosny, Consul for the United States, Dr. O. F. von Mor-LENDORFF, the acting consul for the German Empire quickly following suit. understand that a somewhat animated controversy has been going on between Colonel Mossy and the local Government on the matters in dispute for some time. past, but with what results we are not | The only satisfactory thing in the Coloin a position to say. However, the follow- | nial Secretary's letter to the German Coning correspondence between Dr. von Mor- | sul is the assurance that the question re-LENDORFF. and the Colonial Secretary lating to the exaction of these permit fees

Hongkong, August 11th, 1883. SIR,—Up to the present time masters of German vessels have been in the habit of paying to sailor shipped by them in this port, although the sailors were never shipped at the Harbor Master's office but invariably through this Consulate, which being a Consular fee is prescribed by German law. Several masters have now represented to me that for some time past American vessels have ceased to pay the see, and complain | it is not impossible that Lord DEEDY will be | general commerce.

of this apparent inequality of treatment of different nationalities. I have therefore the honor to request you to be good enough to give me information on the following points:-

1.-Is the fee in question-i.e. the payment of one dollar for every sailor shipped by a ship of other than British Flag and consequently not shipped at the Harbor Master's office but at the respective consulates—a legal fee and sauctioned by H.B.M.'s Government? and on which section of such ordinance is the levying of the fee based? 2.—Is my information correct that American vessels have ceased to pay this fee for some

3.—If so, for what reasons has this exemption been granted to American vessels and not extended to all foreign ships?

1 have, &c., (Signed) O. F. VON MOLLENDORFF, Acting Consul for Germany.

The Hon. W. H. MARSH, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Hongkong, August 15th, 1883. SIR,-Your letter of the 11th instant, on the subject of the fee of \$1 a head which is levied by the Harbour Master on each seaman shipped in this port, has been laid before the Governor, and I have been directed by His Excellency to forward for your information copy, of a report from the Harbour Master explaining the circumstances under which this fee has been levied for the past thirty one years, and to state that His Excellency is advised that this has been done in strict accordance with the law under which the fee in question is properly payable in respect of every seaman shipped, whatever may be the nationality of the vessel on board of which he

The object of the Ordinance under which this fee was originally imposed was the prevention of desertion and the better regulation of merchant seamen in this Colony, and with the same object in view, when Ordinance of 1852 was repealed, the section referring to the shipping and discharge of seamen -was-re-enacted_by_Chapter_V_Section_XVI_of Ordinance 8 of 1879.

The Harbour Master informs His Excellency that the system complained of by you has been found to be very useful, as tending in a great measure to check desertion from vessels in this The fees received by the Harbour Master are paid by him into the Colonial Treasury.

In reply to the second question contained in your letter, I am directed to inform you that if any American vessels have shipped scamen without payment of fees it has been done with out the cognizance of the Harbour Master, and the law has in such case been evaded. Quite recently the American Consul has refused payment of these fees and the question will be referred for the consideration of the Imperial Gov-

The only vessels that are exempted by law. from payment of these fees are men-of-war and -the-vessels-of-the-Messagories-Maritimes-whichby local Ordinance have the status of men-of-

I have the honour to be

-Your most Obedient-Servant,-

W. H. MARSH, Colonial Secretary...

Dr. O. F. von Mollendorff, Acting Consul for Germany,

REPORT BY THE HARBOUR MASTER. The fee complained of by the United States' Consul was originally introduced by Section 5 of Ordinance 6 of 1882. "An Ordinance for the prevention of desertion, &c."

This Ordinance was repealed by the Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance 8 of 1879, but the section complained of was re-enacted by sub-section 5, Section 16 of the later Ordinance, perhaps not in the same words but bearing the same meaning.

Sub-section 5, Section 16 of Ordinance 8 of 1879 is as follows:-"No seaman shall, except with the Harbour master's sanction, be We stated that" at the first glance this | shipped to do duty on board any merchant ship whatever, elsewhere than at the office -of-the-Harbour-Master, who-shall-charge for every seaman shipped a fee of one dollar, such fee to be paid in the first instance by the master of the ship shipping such scaman, and such master shall deduct the same from the wages of the seaman ship-The above mentioned fee shall be accounted for by the Harbour Master to the Treasury." If any interpretation is required to the words underlined, a reference to the repealed Ordinance will make them clear. In Section 5 of Ordinance 6 of 1852 the words used, as to shipping seamen, are: "and no scaman shall" be shipped either for an Euglish or Foreign ship elsewhere than at the Office of the Harbour

> shipped a fee of one dollar, &c.' This wording leaves little doubt as to the intention of the Ordinance.

Master who shall charge for every seaman

It is not desired to deprive consuls of the right to discharge one of their principal functionsshipping crews for the merchant ships of their countries-and in order not to interfere with that privilege the following practice obtains:-The master of a foreign ship desirous of shipping crew enters the names of the men on a Permits this, with the seamen's discharges or permission to ship is presented at the Colonial Shipping Office, the papers are examined and it found correct, (sub-section 5) the sanction of the Harbour Master is given for the men to be shipped at the proper Consulate, the fee of one dollar per man is paid, and the master can then ship his men. It will thus be seen that while the law of the colony is observed, the Consul's duties are not interfered with.

The officer in charge of the shipping office keeps a record of all men legally discharged in the Colony, and the permit system enables him to keep a record as to when they ship and where

they go. The system complained of by the United States Consul has been in force in this Colony for a period of thirty one years and is found to be a very useful measure. It tends in a great measure to check desertion and has not been made the subject of much complaint. I enclose a copy of letter written on the same subject on the 18th

H. G. THOMSETT, Harbour Master. July 11th, 1883.

influenced by the official atterances of those who are responsible for what is clearly a gross infringement of the existing law. The Colonial Secretary, although not asked the question by Dr. von Mollenborff, goes out of his way to state that the permit fees exacted by the Harbour Department have been accounted for to the Treasury. If this be the case-and we see no reason why the word of the Colonial Secretary should be questioned—it is somewhat surprising that these fees have been so conspicuously absent from the Harbour Master's financial Sun." returns. The attempt by the Harbour Master to give the clauses in the Merchant Shipping Ordinance a meaning which no possible method of word-twisting can uphold, is only slightly less ridiculous than his assertion that the system of charging a one dollar fee for shipping seamen at a foreign consulate is a very useful measure as it tends in a great measure to check desertion and has not been made the subject of

much complaint.

Mr. MARSH informs the German Consul (1) that it has been the custom for thirty-one years to collect at the Harbour Master's office a fee of one dollar for each seaman shipped on all foreign vessels at the various - Consulates - in - the colony, the the days of Richard I I -- more than five hundred steamers of the Messageries Maritimes Co. alone excepted; (2) that, since the | WE are sorry to hear from Cheloo that H.M.S. United States Consul on July 6th complained of this alleged unlawful action, American ships have evaded the payment of this fee; (but the honourable gentleman forgets to enlighten as to the mode. by which the Yankees have evaded it); and (3) that the United States Consul has refused to pay the fee. We beg leave to join issue with the Colonial Secretary on some of these points. The Pacific Mail Company's steamers, for some unexplained reason, have not been made to pay this fee; the American shipmasters have not, nor could they possibly have evaded the law, but as a matter of fact they have all when clearing their vessels been asked the number of men they shippedhas been demanded from them; the United States Consul never did pay the fee nor was he ever asked to pay it; the fee was always collected from the Master of the vessel at the Harbour Master's. Either the statements made in the Colonial Secretary's official communication to the German Consul, or our positive assertions on the same subjects are wide of the truth. We are prepared to produce conclusive evidence in support of our side of the question. And we would now ask His Excellency the Governor and the energetic Colonial Secretary if Colonel Mosay, the United States Consul in Hongkong, has the power in this Colony to prevent the action of English law, backed up as it is by all the pride, pomp and circumstance of a British Colonial Government, two regiments of infantry and artil-

lery, an ironclad fleet-and those gallant

warriors the Hongkong Volunteers? If

not, what does the official letter of the

Colonial Secretary actually mean?

We understand that the Committee of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce has decided to support Mr. A. R. Colquhoun's proposed journey of exploration from Burmah to Southern China by a money grant from the funds of the institution. our information is correct—and we see no reason to doubt it-we heartily commend the action of the Committee in thus recognising the importance of an undertaking which can scarcely fail to beneficially affect the commercial relations of this colony with those little known provinces which it is Mr. Colquitoun's for one month. The troupe is such a good one mission to open out to the world. enterprise which has for one of main objects the extension of our commerce is surely entitled to some sort of recognition, and as the results of the dangerous journey proposed to be taken by Mr. Colounous and his colleagues must of necessity possess a substantial interest for the mercantile community of Hongkong, the Chamber of Commerce is only true to its traditions in supporting this new enterprise. We do not possess sufficient change of pesetas and medias pesetas. It information of the proposed exploration to | calculated that the amount of illegal coinage live a longthy detailed account of the in circulation reaches the respectable sum route intended to be followed by Mr. CoL-QUHOUN, but we may state that the journey will probably extend over a period of two years, and will include as thorough an examination as circumstances will permit of Northern Siam and the Shan country, a vast region of which comparatively little is yet known. Judging from the clearly shows the positions taken up both has been referred by the decision of the | thoroughly efficient and practical manner by the Government and the Foreign Con- | Imperial Government. If the matter has | in which Mr. Conquitoux managed his been fairly represented to the Secretary of recent journey from Canton to Burmah State—which in the face of the foolishly | through a hostile and dangerous country, reckless assertions contained both in Mr. as graphically described in "Across the Harbor Master a fee of one dollar for every | MARSH'S letter and Captain Thomserr's | Chryse," we have every confidence that, report is open to doubt-there is from the still more important mission of some prospect of its being settled on its exploration he has now undertaken, subbare merits; but if a one-sided and garbled stantial advantages will accrue to the inversion of actual facts has been sent home, | terests both of geographical science and

TELEGŔAMS.

WITTEVREDEN, 29th August, 11.16 a.m. VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS IN SUNDA

Strong volcanic eruptions in Sunda Straits. Charts not to be trusted, all lights are destroyed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

ARCHER'S Surprise Party arrived from Japan by the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer Kashgar yesterday afternoon. We understand they had a very successful season in the "Land of the Rising

"My dear fellow," remarks the Judge to the plaintiff, who had lost his action before him that afternoon, "you had a mighty good case, but what made you employ such an ass of a lawyer? "Because I had been told that he had the ear of the Court."

WHEN Sarah Bernhardt passed through Hamburg recently on her way to Copenhagen and Stockholm she had forty-six trunks full of baggage, and waxed furious when the customs officers insisted upon examining the contents every one to the very bottom.

Court, in Lincolnshire, for generations the seat of the King's Champions, are advertised to be sold by order of the executors of Mrs. Dymoke. The Dymokes have been at Scrivelsby ever since

Flying Fish was put in quarantine at that post on the 20th inst. owing to the death of one of the crew from cholera. The summer in Cheson has been an unusually unhealthy one, sickness having prevailed to a very great extent both amongst foreigners and Chinese.

SOME excitement has been caused at Cairo. Egypt, by the conversion by American missionaries of a young Mohammedan, aged twentytwo, who has been subjected to so much persecution by the fanatical Arab priests that Sir E. Malet has been, compelled to interfere in his behalf and send him to Cypress.

OSCAR WILDE is described as hardly to be recognized since he had his hair cut short. As he has never worn in England the knee breeches in which he masqueraded in the United States, he-is-not-eccentric-in-appearance, but-simply at the Consulate and no shipping fee ugly. His brother, Willie, aspires to pose in his stead as an esthete, but is regarded as a failure.

> El Comercio states that on the 24th instant the British ship Polynesian arrived at Manila from Hongkong with her flag flying half must and the quarantine flag at the fore. This was in consequence of the death of the Captain, John Peel who died at sea on the 19th. The vessel was put in quarantine, and the body of the Captain, placed in a coffin made on board, taken on to Manila for immediate interment. Captain Peel's wife and two children are on board the Polyne-

> In another place will be found a telegram, received in the Colony this afternoon by Mr. R. Buschmann, acting consul for the Netherlands, of a most serious character, to which in the public interest all possible publicity should b given. It would seem that powerful volcanic eruptions have taken place in the Sunda Straits. destroying all the lights, and thereby rendering charts-of-the-locality-uscless-and-navigation extremely dangerous. We shall await further particulars of this calamity with interest.

SOME information concerning the Mastodon Minstrels reached us from Sourabaya yesterday. They have been performing in the various towns and cities in Java with considerable success. but the heavy expenses of the country and the exorbitant charges for travelling from place to place have prevented their campaign from proving financially remunerative. The Mastodons proceed to Calcutta where, we understand, Bandmann's particular friend Dave Carson will "run" them at the Corinthian.

We are glad to hear from Shanghai that the Loftus Troupe are having a most successful season at that port, their performances so far having been given to crowded houses. It is the intention of the company to remain in Shanghai until October 1st, after which they will return to Hongkong, as already announced, and perform all round and their ribertoirs of such an attractive character, that they are certain to receive extensive patronage from our music-loving and

play-going community. OUR Manila contemporary El Comercio states that the Committee appointed to investigate and report on the large amount of Mexican dollars of a later date than 1877 in circulation in the Philippines waited on His Excellency the Intendente General de Hacienda Puplica or the 10th instant. The committee proposed to remint the so-called foreign dollars into small \$1,076.000. The Circule Mercantil, recently formed, has also reported on the monetary difficulty which is now absorbing the minds of the Spanish authorities.

WE hear that Mr. H. E. Wodehouse; police necessitate the usual re-distribution of offices and another flood of acting appointments. It is, howthat Mr. Wodehouse has lately been working seen to be properly understood and appreted him to the Superintendent-ship.

politan Dock yesterday. The Carisbrooke went over to the Kowloon Dock this morning, and the German steamer Iphigenia will leave the Cosmo- gramme, including a duck hunt and three handi--politan_to-morrow------

THERE are in Switzerland nineteen associations promoted for the purpose of collecting the discarded ends of cigars, selling them, and applying the proceeds to charitable purposes. An official report recently published shows that for twelve bond, sleeping in the public streets and having months' operation these associations can show net profit of 31,250 frances, with which 1,726 poor children were provided with clothing.

THE international shooting match at Wimbledon between teams representing the United States and Great Britain respectively resulted, as predicted would be the case, in the complete victory of the British, their scores being 1,951. against 1,906 for the Americans. The United States marksmen fairly held their own at the short ranges and at the end of the firing at 800 yards led by over 30; but they fell off greatly at-900 and 1000 yards and were ultimately defeated. as the above totals show, by 45 points.

GENERAL ANITECHIN, Governor-General Eastern Siberia, has addressed a memorandum; to the Russian Minister of the Interior, calling THE furniture and family portraits at Scrivelshy | his Excellency's attention to the urgent necessity of establishing a better guard on the Russo-Chinese frontier than exists there at present The general requests that eight regiments besent thither from Western Siberia. He complains that-30,000 men now under his command are badly armed, whereas the Chinese troops on the other side of the frontier are provided with excellent weapons, and have been partly organised by German officers. He apprehends that in case of hostilities the Chinese would easily capture Wladiwostock and other points, the Russian troops not being able to offer a serious resistance,

> THE Whitehall Review says:-- It must be rather | bezzlement of \$50 which he had collected in galling to the Japanese to find that Sir Harry rents and had not paid in. The \$50 was for Parkes has been appointed British Minister to the rent of premises in the Hollywood Road from China. The advisers of the Mikado have never May7th till June 4th. He also charged him with quite understood the straight lines on which Sir the embezzlement of a further sum of \$18, rates Harr always worked, while they had many worthless friends—a few English and a great quarter of this year. Mr. Ewen's accountant many American—who never lost the chance of stated that he gave the receipt for \$50, now in poisoning their minds against the policy of the court, to the defendant on the oth of June last, British Legation. Now, when the time for appre- and instructed him to collect the money. ciating his services at their real value has gone | Defendant paid in monies from time to time, but by, the Japanese will begin to regret not having | did not pay in the \$50 and repeatedly said the esteemed Sir Harry Parkes more than they did. I man had not paid the account. About the end The bitterest enemy of Japan is China, and, in of July the defendant handed in a lot of receipts. any future complications between these two future welfare of Japan may depend.

THE Berlin correspondent of The Times writes. -The trial of the guns of the Chinese corvette Ting Yuen, at Swineminde, with a scratch crew from the German Navy, seems to have ended centim. calibre, which had already successfully stood the test of an extra charge of powder at Essen; but it was also necessary to test the effect of the concussion of these monster cannon on the corvette itself. According. to an account published in the North German Gazette, a large quantity of skylight and window glass was smashed, a thick iron rail on the bridge was wrenched off, a funnel was snapped in two. the deck was strewn with coals jerked up from . the-coal-bunker,-some-wooden-furniture-was shattered into splinters, "which the gentlemen could put in their pockets and carry, away with them as mementoes of the occasion," while one of the visitors was knocked down. The same fate would certainly have befallen others had they not held with steadfast determination to rails and tackle. The greatest effect was naturally produced when the four big guns were fired together. The cannon being loaded, the turrets, for safety's sake, were cleared of the men, and then, on a given signal, one solitary gunner pulled "with all his might"at the four long cords which had been attached to a bar. The shock was tremendous, and the damage in smashed glass, wrenching off of iron rails, and disturbed coal-bunkers, &c., was immense. How the Chinese are to face the French or any other foe with such disastrous guns is a question well worthy of their consideration. WE would direct special attention to the per-

formance to be given in the Theatre Royal. City

Hall, to-morrow night by Messrs. Kellar and Cunard, the famous illusionists. In addition to the ordinary attractive programme of high class illusions, a special feature of the entertainment will be the promised complete expose of the world renowned Cabinet trick, first made famous by the Davenport Brothers. Mr. Kellar promises to completely expose the absurd hypothesis of "spirit" intervention by showing plainly that the marvellous and apparently incomprehensible effects exhibited connection with this mystery are produced by natural agency-in fact, are mere illusions-As this cabinet Mance has caused a greater number of conjectures and excited more concalled "spirit" mysteries combined, a lucid explanation of how the oracle is worked should proye sufficiently attractive to the Hongrong public to crowd the City. Hall in every available. part. This special performance it may be noted magistrate, coroner, and superintendent of the is under the distinguished patronge of General Government Fire Brigade will shortly proceed | Sargent, C.B., Colonel Parnell, C.B., and the home on leave of absence. This will of course Officers of "The Buffs," so that a strong and fashionable military element will doubtless be present to see spiritualism ridiculed. However, satisfactory to learn that Mr. Wodehouse ever, apart altogether form the cabinet mystery. intends during his stay in London to undergo Mr. Kellar's clever illusions and sleight-ofa course of particular instruction in the working hand, tricks form an evening's entertainment. of a fire brigade, in that best of all schools, rarely to be met with. The exhibitions the London Fire Brigade. Local firemen tell us of the wonderful automata have to be. very hard, and with a considerable amount of ciated. As this will be Messre. Kellar and success, to remove the well founded charge of Cunard's final appearance, and as their "show" incompetency which was laid against him when is well worthy of public support, our readers will Sir George Bowen so incomprehensibly appoin- do well not to miss the opportunity of witness. ing the marvels announced.

THE French gunboat Lutin lest the Cosmo. THE Victoria Recreation Club aquatic sports will be commenced to morrow at 4 p.m. at the bath house. Eight events are down on the procaps, and an enjoyable couple of hours may be anticipated should the weather prove favorable.

WILLIAM STOCKFIELD, an unemployed Danish seaman, appeared before Captain Thomsett this morning on a charge of being a rogue and vagano fixed place of abode. Defendant, who merely stated that the Russian Consul in Singapore had sent him on to this port by the steamer Menciaus_ was sent in for a week's hard labor.

CHIU LUK, a chair coolie, remanded from the 10th instant on a charge of cutting and wounding a fellow tradesman named Kwok Tai Kum with a chopper, was again brought before Mr. Wodehouse this morning. Dr. A. J. Wharry's evidence was to the effect that Kwok was admitted to Hospital on the 10th suffering from an incised wound on the left' shoulder. The wound was about six inches long and a quarter of an inch deep. There was another wound on the left upper arm but neither of them was dangerous. Prisoner stated that he was playing fan-tan with the complainant and another man and lost two dollars and a half. He paid them two dollars when they set on him to make him pay the half dollar, one of the two going for a chopper to use against him. He seized the chopper and used it on his assailants. Prisoner had no witness to corroborate his yarn, and was served out with six months! hard labor.

U KING WAN, a shroff, remanded from Monday

on a charge of embezzling and stealing, the sum of \$68 the property of his employer, Mr. Creasy Ewens, was again before the court the morning. Mr. Ewens stated that defendant was his shroff and had been in his employment since September last, He charged him with the emand taxes for the same premises, for the second and, as the one for \$50 was not amongst them countries, the Minister at Peking is certain to he informed Mr. Ewens of the omission and made play a leading part; so that upon the attitude to | enquiries by his instructions. The tenant of the be assumed by Sir Harry Parkes much of the house showed him the receipt for the \$50 which also had on it a receipt in Chinese for \$18 for rates on the premises. Defendant had never paid in the money as he should have done. .Wong Tsoi, the tenant of the premises in the Hollywood Road, stated that he paid the defendant the \$50 and \$18 as the receipt showed. somewhat strangely. The vessel has two turrets, Defendant, stated that he would undertake to each armed with a couple of Krupp guns of 30'5 | pay the money by the end of this month. He did not mean to permanently retain it and told the accountant so when he found out he had received the rent and had not paid it in. ... Mr. Ewens was recalled and stated that he had discharged his shroff for his irregularities. The accountant was also recalled and said that defendant should have paid in the money as soon as it was collected. Mr. Wodehouse remanded the case till September the 5th, ball being allowed in two sufeties of \$250 each. Says a San Francisco contemporary :-- The

statement that France and China had come to a peaceful understanding repetiting Tonquin is denied by the Chinese authorities at Shanghai. Still it is not impossible that a peaceful agreement will be arrived at. Both countries are undesirous of war-China because she knows that it would result in inevitable defeat, and France because she fears it would lead to serious trouble with other European Powers. It is said that the Chinese want arbitration and would have selected the United States as an intermediary except for our hostile attitude toward her emigrating citizens. It is an offer that this country would not covet and it is not probable that her service will be needed, there being a willing mediator much nearer and much more experienced in the dark ways of Eastern diplomacy. That Power is Russia, who has been dealing with the Chin so ever since the Cossacks appeared for the Amuse in the seventeenth century and has since had intimate intercourse with all the Tarter tribes of the Central Asian steppes and oases. What Russia does not know about the intricates ways to Oriental diplomacy is superfluous knowledge. Since her that troubles on the Amour, so has settled every difficulty she has had with China by peaceful negotiation and has always come out water.
For some hundreds of years the Chinese held the south bank of the Amoor to its mouth. Taking advantage of the Crimean war: while Europe was occupied elsewhere, she compelled the peaceable cession of territory south of that stream for several hundred miles from its mouth and extending to Cores. During the Tacping rebellion, Kuldia, the northwestern province, became demoralized and Russia had to assume a protectorate of state to protect retention by Russia of only a portion of the ter-tilory and paymont by China of a war indespitity The offer of Readon mediation at state a these has meanings that its deeper than are obvious. tion of the first ace than shows the secret inclina-tion of the tree paparties toward an understand-ing that shall offset the alligned between Austria. Italy and Germany .: It is not to the interest of Russia to see France humiliated or weakened by wars engaged in of prolonged in the interest of her own rivals, and she well knows that how ever much a war about Tonquin, will, injury China, it cannot wary will behelic Wrance and may have disastrous consequents. The difficulty may not verifie settled but the resources of diplomacy; are fare from exampled. With Russia us mediator, a vaki by betymight casily pass without change of the marks of ar the expiration of which time the first bitter welling of hostility will have disappeared and diplomatic ways, would easily be found to extricate both nations from the meshes of the controversy without deeply wounding the pride of

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Hongkong 20th August, 2883.

Amusements.

CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

TO-MORROW EVENING, THE 30TH AUGUST.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF MAJOR-GENERAL J. N. SARGENT, C.B., COMMANDING H. M. FORCES in China and Straits Settlements, and LIEUT.-COLONEL H. PARNELL, C.B., and the Officers of "THE BUFFS," EAST KENT REGIMENT.

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Intimations.

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to the Club. W. DE ST. CROIX, Hon. Sec. 1882-3. Hongkong, 28th August, 1883.

TO BE SOLD. THE wreck of the U.S.S. "ASHUELOT! lying at the Lammocks Rocks, will be Sold to the Highest Bidder to be ascertained by the Tenders received by E. N. WHITEHOUSE, Paymaster U.S. Navy, which will be read on board the U.S.S. "PALOS" in the presence of Lieutenant-Commander G. D. B. GLIDDEN, U.S. Navy, and the parties interested, between the hours of TEN and ELEVEN A.M., on the 31st

PEIRCE CROSBY, Rear Admiral U.S.N., Commanding U.S. Naval Force on Asiatic Station. Hongkong, 28th August, 1883.

CIGNOR ANTONIO CATTANEO, of the CONSERVATOIRE DE BERGAMO and late of the ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY has the honor to inform the community that he has arranged to remain in Hongkong, and will give essons in Music, Singing and the Pianoforte. CHARGES STRICTLY MODERATE.

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